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SUBJECT: FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER JANUARY 31, AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND ASKED FOR GENSCHER'S COMMENTS ON NEXT WEEK'S FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT IN PARIS. GENSCHER IN HIS BRIEF REPLY CONCENTRATED ON ONE PROBLEM WHICH CLEARLY LOOMED LARGE IN HIS MIND, NAMELY THE CAP. HE ALLUDED TO THE WIDE DIFFERENCES AMONG EC MEMBERS ON A CAP RISE AND SAID THE FRG WAS ALONE ON THIS ISSUE IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN FRANCE SPOKE ON THE CAP, IT DID SO FOR ITSELF AND THE OTHER MEMBERS, BUT THE FRG SPOKE ONLY FOR THE FRG.

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2. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED CURRENT CHANGES IN AGRICULTUR-

AL MARKETS, INCLUDING THE CHINESE AND SOVIET CANCEL-
LATIONS OF LARGE GRAIN CONTRACTS WITH THE US. IF THE
EC WERE TO RAISE GRAIN PRICES IN A FALLING WORLD MARKET
BY, SAY, NINE PER CENT, A SITUATION COULD ARISE
SIMILAR TO THE ONE WHICH HAD PREVAILED FOR SOME YEARS,
WITH CONFLICT BETWEEN US AND EC POSITIONS AS THE
VARIABLE LEVY SYSTEM DISCRIMINATED AGAINST CERTAIN
US AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS. NOTING THAT WE WERE NOW CLOSE
TO THE BEGINNING OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGO-
TIATIONS, THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUCH A
DEVELOPMENT COULD BE AVOIDED. GENSCHER SAID HE WAS
FULLY COGNIZANT OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CAP RISE FOR
RELATIONS WITH THE US, AND WOULD HAVE THIS ISSUE MUCH
IN MIND IN THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH.
HILLENBRAND

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